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LB 193

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members, I do not have any corrections for the Journal but going over the worksheet for today, I noticed down on General File, LB 24, Senator Warner's bill, prohibit trapping within 200 yards, I think that should have been yards. I only bring it to the attention of the printer that maybe that should be corrected. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: That is my first mistake today. Thank you, Cal. We will move on to Select File, LB 193, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have no E & R amendments to LB 193. I do have an amendment offered by Senator Vard Johnson to the bill and the amendment is found on page 434 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: What page in the Legislative Journal, Pat?

CLERK: 434, Senator.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Thank you.

CLERK: It is the one that reads, Senator, on page 2, line 22, after the period insert "no other method of allocation shall be used".

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, LB 193 was brought to the Revenue Committee by the Department of Welfare...by the Department of Revenue, which sometimes is welfare, I assume, and the purpose of LB 193 was to make some corrective changes to the assessment functioning for car lines which are now railroads, incidentally, but a car line simply is a line that has cars...freight cars and the like and they are shipped through Nebraska. We have had a statutory formula for the assessment of such property. Our statutory formula has been in place for a long time. One of the things that we learned during the course of the hearing is that the State Board of Equalization and Assessment which does the assessment functions for car lines has allowed over the last four years a deviation from the statutory method for assessing car lines, and the deviation is known as the speed study deviation. What happens is this, some centrally assessed car lines, approximately 20 of them, will submit a study showing not just the number of miles, not just the number of car miles in Nebraska for the car line rolling stock, but will also show the speed with which those miles are traveled in the state.